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## SENATE BILL No. 220

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-9-2-0.8; IC 31-14-13-6.3; IC 31-17-2-21.3.

**Synopsis:** Parents on active military duty. Prohibits a court from considering a parent's absence or relocation due to active military duty as a factor in determining custody or permanently modifying a child custody order.

**Effective:** July 1, 2010.

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January 11, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-0.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2010]: **Sec. 0.8. "Active duty", for purposes of IC 31-14-13-6.3**  
4 **and IC 31-17-2-21.3, means full-time service in:**

5 (1) **the armed forces of the United States (as defined in**  
6 **IC 5-9-4-3); or**

7 (2) **the National Guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4);**  
8 **for a period that exceeds thirty (30) consecutive days in a calendar**  
9 **year.**

10 SECTION 2. IC 31-14-13-6.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
11 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 6.3. A court may not consider a**  
13 **parent's absence or relocation due to active duty service as a factor**  
14 **in determining custody or permanently modifying a child custody**  
15 **order.**

16 SECTION 3. IC 31-17-2-21.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS



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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 21.3. A court may not consider a**  
2 **parent's absence or relocation due to active duty service as a factor**  
3 **in determining custody or permanently modifying a child custody**  
4 **order.**

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